

RE: follow up from CCSA regarding ICEF request ...

Subject: RE: follow up from CCSA regarding ICEF request for additional time RE: Lou Dantzler PCNR
From: <erobitaille@ccsa.org>
Date: 11/17/17, 1:30 PM

Dear Parker,

I hope this email finds you well. I just wanted to touch base with you as we head into the Thanksgiving week. As we begin to draw closer to our December 5th Public Call for Non-Renewal announcement, we would like to give Lou Dantzler Elementary as much time as possible to make a decision about whether it intends to seek renewal or pursue a voluntary closure. We also have to balance that against the timing of putting together final materials, giving authorizers and other key stakeholders a courtesy heads up in advance of the public release, and notifying our staff and charter school members (all of which we typically do shortly before the Public Call for Non-Renewal public announcement.

To that end, **we would respectfully request that ICEF notify us if it intends to self-close and would like us to take Lou Dantzler Elementary off our public announcement no later than the end of the day November 29th.** We want to be as respectful as we can of your timeline and processes but by December 1st we will be getting down to the wire. I appreciate ICEF's consideration of this notification request.

Very sincerely,
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Thank you for the notification, Elizabeth, and I will follow up more in the coming weeks. I am grateful for your engagement throughout this process.

Thanks

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--Thomas Jefferson

On Fri, Nov 10, 2017 at 12:38 PM, Elizabeth Robitaille <erobitaille@ccsa.org> wrote:

Dear Parker,
CCSA has considered your request that we suspend notification to LAUSD and public announcement of non-support for Lou Dantzler's renewal to give the school additional time to demonstrate improvement. We also acknowledge Lou Dantzler's willingness to voluntarily close should the data not demonstrate adequate improvement. After careful consideration, we are unable to meet this request. However, we will delay our public announcement until December 5th to give you additional time to notify your school community of CCSA's planned non-renewal advocacy. And as we have discussed before, should Lou Dantzler decide not to seek renewal, instead voluntarily closing at the end of the current school year, we would remove the school from our public non-renewal advocacy.

We recognize ICEF's assertion that the Fall 2016 to Fall 2017 NWEA results represent a bright spot among other measures over the last four years that consistently show that students are falling further behind and are not accelerating their learning growth. As we indicated in our October 27th letter, these Fall to Fall scores represented only about a half to two thirds of the students in tested grade levels. As such, staff did not feel that this new data was sufficient/representative of all students' learning. When CCSA

makes a decision to support or oppose a school's renewal, we consider the entire track record over the past four years and make a determination as close as possible to the beginning of the 5th year to give the school time to determine its renewal plans and have enough time to appeal, if necessary. Regrettably, we cannot create a different process for Lou Dantzler (and an unworkable precedent that we could not offer to other schools) to extend our Multiple Measure Review by additional months beyond the 5 months of engagement (May to October) we have already had with Lou Dantzler.

We thank you again for your willingness to engage with CCSA throughout this process. If you would like to discuss any of this further, my colleagues and I would be more than willing to set up a phone call.

Very sincerely,
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